

Structural Change Impact Group

Consolidation, Regionalization & Outsourcing Working Group

Minutes

October 8, 2021

Meeting conducted via Zoom

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DATE: March 30, 2022
TIME: 8:57 AM

Members present: Aaron Pikcilingis, Brian Antonellis, Mark Paolillo

Members absent: Paul Rickter

Other attendees: Phil Thayer (public)

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am

Approval of prior minutes

- No minutes to approve

Discussion: Updates on reports, meetings and assigned tasks

- Continue through remaining ideas that need to have next steps and next step person assigned
 - 358 - Build a soccer bubble at Grove street - Brain will gather data and start a report on this idea in the next week and we will update the score then
- Meetings
 - Reports on past meetings
 - Mark and Aaron met with the Fire Chief regarding regionalization opportunities for ambulance services
 - The fire chief seems interested, and will follow up with his counterparts in Watertown & Arlington
 - We noted that it's not a viable business model to run an ambulance service for two towns (as backup), but many local departments are getting poor backup & advanced life support services (Belmont provides its own advanced life support) and there may be an opportunity for Belmont to serve as an ALS vendor to those other towns
 - Alternative: Towns share a resource (e.g. an ambulance) and share in supporting/staffing it. This can
 - Opportunity: the Chief will continue to run down this potential opportunity
 - Brief discussion of the challenges of hiring paramedics as a private company vs. a municipality
 - Follow-ups for meeting with Arlington Town Manager
 - Mark to follow up with Needham Town Manager
 - Updates on scheduling future meetings

- Brian will meet with Arlington Town Manager re: zoning, business development approach
- Mark scheduling a meeting with Needham Town Manager
- Mark scheduling meeting with Town Assessor & chair of the board of assessors, potentially on 10/22
- Mark scheduling meeting with Chief of Police re: regionalizing 911
- Next Step: Mark will work with the Chief and write up the report
- Updates on previously-assigned next steps
 - Aaron will spend time today getting caught up on formatting matrix, reaching out to a few contacts, and starting evaluation reports for a number of ideas
 - Mark is working on report write-ups
 - Brian is working on report write-ups

Public Comment

- Phil Thayer thanks us for all the work we've been doing

Schedule Future Meetings

- 10/22 at 8am

Other business

- Mark will try to schedule an 8am non-posted meeting with Chief Maclsaac

Adjourned at 8:41am (Mark Paolillo motion, Brian Antonellis second, 3-0 vote in favor)

Minutes recorded by Aaron Pikcilingis